

A GOOD STORY

Of the Late Congressman James Burns of St. Joseph.

The visit of King Kalakaua to this country recalls an incident of his former visit, when Kansas City was included in his tour, which will be read with a special interest for several reasons, says a writer in the Kansas City Globe. First, the story comes from the late congressman Burns of St. Joseph, and will recall vividly that very entertaining and often witty gentleman. Then too, it will recall the happy days of the boom when a good word well spoken of Kansas City caused the speaker to be taken right into the hearts and homes of every resident of the tremendously growing town. Great days they were! Memorable days to be looked back upon now with mingled feeling.

King Kalakaua by invitation of the governor visited Jefferson City. The legislature was in session, and it was the first time, of course, that the gathering of Missouri statesmen had ever seen a real live king, and there was nothing too good for his royal nibs. Mr. Burns was then a member of the house. Kalakaua is not a total abstainer, as everybody knows, and he led the legislators a very lively race that day. Champagne flowed like water, but champagne was scarcely stiff enough for royalty and good old XXX copper distilled was mixed with it at intervals by royalty in the manner to delight the hearts of the royal good fellows who had him in tow. When the king left Jefferson City on his special train for Kansas City, he was accompanied by a delegation of statesmen, among them Congressman Burns.

Kalakaua, in expressive if inelegant language, was "loaded to the guards," and the movement and rumble of the train soon made him sleepy. Rouse him to get up they could not, even when Kansas City was nearly reached though he retained perfect consciousness. His coming had been heralded here and a great informal reception was planned for the depot if he did not stop over. The local statesmen on board were wild over the situation, when some bright mind suggested—all the minds in the party save Kalakaua's were bright that night—that Mr. Burns, who was swarthy and in build resembled the king, take his place. The idea tickled the boozey monarch immensely. He managed to strip off his decorations and pressed them on Mr. Burns. He sent his valet for his finest uniform and widest sash. Then, as the king lapsed into total unconsciousness, Mr. Burns entered into the spirit of the revel himself and toggled out in the garments of royalty.

When the train pulled into Kansas City, there was a tremendous throng of cheering, yelling men at the depot. The reception committee came out from the rear platform, followed by the masquerading statesman. He was formally introduced and a shout rent the air which caused a landside on the bluff. It was nothing, however, to what followed, for the St. Joe man knew how to tickle the vanity of Kansas Cityans to a dot.

"Gentlemen," said Mr. Burns—and it is declared that a close friend of the king would not have noticed the deception, so closely did Mr. Burns resemble him—"I thank you for this reception. (Cheers) In my far away island home of the sea I have of en heard of Kansas City. (Wild cheering, long continued.) I feel like one of you so much have I heard. (Prolonged yells of delight.) I know Kansas City as the greatest and most promising town of the United States," and then pandemonium let loose. Men yelled themselves hoarse, danced themselves sick, and Mr. Burns solemnly affirmed, cried with joy. There was more of his speech, but Mr. Burns did not recall it, for he said nobody heard it.

"And it was the first time in my life," he added, "that I was ever taken for a negro."

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He bought a guitar and practiced for six long weary months. But at the end of that time a smile of joy lit up his wan and weary face, and his brow grew radiant with joy as he inspected the corns on the thumb of his right hand. The hour was 10 p. m., and as he wandered through the still night to the boarding house where she lived and directly under that window which had been so often sanctified by her presence, he commenced to foot: (Twang, twang, him). "I wander b-i-i the brookside (clinging, clanging, booo), I wander b-i-i the mill!" and the sash was gently raised with a crash, and a deep bass voice yelled out: "I wish as you fall into your brook off your brookside and drown yourself in dose mill, odor I plow my visail and call a polizeidener. It was cruel of her to have changed her room without letting him know.—Exchange.

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Thinks She Is the Ideal.

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Each lover of the list thinks that in his choice there is no mist that his love is the one woman in whom the race has come to perfect flower, that his home any race is to be happiness, his future heaven.

Perhaps I will be. Perhaps the glamour of a fair face has not blinded his eyes to things that astound. Perhaps with the fair face has come to him the fair soul, too, the clear mind the warm heart the strong will, the gentle way, the sweet temper. He may have found, why not? beauty and goodness together and wit as well. If he is really to have the happiness he expects he must have in a measure all three. The lover who can see Helen's beauty in the brow of Egypt will usually find what answers to him for beauty in one he loves. But beauty without the goodness will soon pall and disgust him, beauty without the wit will tire him, and goodness without the other will serve small purpose beyond filling him with uncomfortable remorse for his own errantry and a pity that is too painful to be indulged; while wit alone without the others will presently discover itself in its loneliness and fill him with dismay and shrinking.

Beauty and wit alone have made woman the historical sinners of the world and although they have held their sway over many hearts, it has been a brief sway and the hearts have never known happiness. But wit and goodness alone have hedged in thrall, have made humble household to gladness, and if their owners had not Cleopatra's beauty their lovers and their husbands never knew it.

BLACK-DRAUGHT tea cures Constipation

The New Road.

The inauguration of the Springfield, Sedalia, Marshall & Northern railroad is an event of great importance to the people of this city and to the section of country through which the line will be constructed. A line of road from Springfield northward and from Springfield southward has long been among the aspirations of the business men of the city and the hope of the people in the adjacent territory. A number of schemes have successive arisen, flourished for a season, and fell. Appeals have been made to prominent railroad companies without avail. Considerable sums of money have been expended in collecting statistics of the country's resources and in preliminary surveys, upon which hopes were built only to be disappointed. Instead of giving assistance, the companies who assume to own the territory in southwest Missouri and northern Arkansas entered into an agreement to force all railroads out of Springfield. Out of this act as much as any other one agency grew the impulse to act independently of the grant companies.

The organization effected at Sedalia will form the basis of a confidently believed of an effective operative force. The gentlemen taking the lead are thoroughly in earnest. The president of the company, Mr. Bush, has both wealth and experience to invest in the project and commands besides the confidence of capital in the east. Mr. G. A. A. C. Wooler, secretary of the company, will be a most efficient aid in the cause. The other gentlemen of the official board, Messrs. Bothwell, Peters, Walker and Houston, will no doubt be equally efficient in promoting the work.—Springfield Republican.

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—A Missouri farmer differs from Mr. Hicks in his forecast of severe weather this winter, for the reason that burrowing insects remain close to the top of the ground.

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A Cheerful Old Couple of Minnesota Centenarians.

Lac qui Parle, Minn., Dec. 15.—Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S. Isbury, probably the oldest married couple in the United States, yesterday celebrated the one hundred and third birthday of Mr. Salisbury. His wife will be 101 years old on Christmas Day. January 12 they will have been married eighty years. Until quite recently, they lived alone in a comfortable log house on the Yellowbank river, Mr. Salisbury doing the cooking and general housework, while Mr. Salisbury chopped the wood and attended to the chores about the home. On his last birthday "F.ther" Salisbury saw a hawk attack a hen, and grasping his old flint-lock musket, shot the bird of prey and saved the hen. On his one hundredth birthday he walked seven miles to Billingham and back home again the same day.

MISSOURI NOTES.

—It will require just about seven lamps to make Richmond the brightest town in Missouri.

—There is talk of converting the annex building at Excelsior Springs into a two-day day hotel.

A few of the wealthy citizens of Butler have made a proposition to put in a system of water works at that place.

Some one has been breaking the windows in the office of the Rich Hill Review by shooting through them at the editor.

—A single dealer at Columbia sold 135,000 cigarettes in one year. That is a record that no other town need be ambitious to rival.

—The St. Louis Chronicle wants some rich man to die and leave 2 million dollars to the city for the establishment of a free library.

—The St. Louis Star-Savings advances the theory that persons afflicted with rheumatism can be cured by riding on the electric cars.

Chilicians want the Springfield, Sedalia & Northern railroad, and if they engineer the scheme right they will get it.—Kansas City Globe.

—J. T. Williams has been chosen to take the census of the enlarged Mexico. If he doesn't find more than 5,000 people he will be drummed out of town.

—Park college has just received an endowment of \$50,000 from a wealthy citizen of New York, who is interested in the spread of Presbyterianism in Missouri.

John Fossati and Lulu Spooheimer were wedded the other day at St. Joseph. Macaroni and sauerkraut were among the dainties which furnished forth the marriage table.

—There is a Dockery in the Missouri legislature this year—Thomas F. Dockery, of St. Louis, elected from the Thirty-second district. As his name would indicate he is a democrat.

—About 100 members of the Missouri house have already picked out their seats for the approaching session. The new members always attends to this matter as soon after the election as they can get away from home.

—According to the report of the Secretary of the Interior there are yet in Missouri 1,151,463 acres of government vacant land. These are for sale at \$1.25 an acre and subject to pre-emption and entry at the government land office at Springfield, Booneville and Ironton.

—Plattsburg, Mo., will hold its fourth annual poultry and pet stock exhibition, December 17 to 20. The Southwestern Poultry association not to be outdone, will hold its meeting and exhibit at Lamar, Mo., Dec. 22 to 26 inclusive. There is more money in raising chickens than most farmers dream of.

—It seems to be the general impression that the Thirty-sixth assembly will get through with its work and reach adjournment by the time the seventy days' limit expires. If that is the case it will be the first legislature that ever transacted its business within the limit since the present constitution went into effect.

—Eight acres of land have been donated to the town of Columbia on which to locate its water works plant. The council has the authority to issue bonds to the amount of \$45,000. The bonds will be of the denomination of \$500 each, and will be issued the 1st of next January. They will be 5-20 bonds and bear 5 per cent interest.

—Willard Nichols has the banner piece of corn of Caldwell county, as far as heard from. He had a small field of eight acres, and it has averaged seventy-eight bushels to the acre. If he should sell this corn at the ruling price it would return him \$31.20 per acre, which is almost equivalent to the value of the land upon which it was grown.

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NEWSPAPER HUMOR.

—Texas Siftings: Reduced to the ranks—bad butter marked down.

—Boston Transcript: The turnover in political matters is pie to the democrats.

—Atchison Globe: The man who always buys on tick is the man you have to watch.

—Ram's Horn: Spiders are affectionate little creatures. The females eat up their lovers.

—Yonkers Gazette: It no doubt imparts a sense of freedom to some men to be "out of their head."

—Boston Traveller: No, Alvirra, when congress turns over a new leaf it does not do it by getting new pages.

—Binghamton Leader: The structural glories of our language make it possible for a blind man to be a seer.

—Elmira Gazette: A brakeman's work seems to be difficult to master. He must continue training as long as he is in the business.

—Norristown Herald: A young man who married a "butterfly of fashion" was unable a year later to provide "grub" for his butterfly.

—Indianapolis Journal: It makes the hypocrite distinctly tired to find out that the man he has been imposing for is no better than himself.

—Pittsburg Chronicle: Some of the pages in the house of representatives are smaller than others. The small ones should be called paragraphs.

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